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THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

(Incorporated in London on 18th July, 1884, under the Companies Acts 1862, to 1883.)

LONDON BANKERS:
UNION BANK OF LONDON, LTD.
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At 3 months' notice 3 1/2% per annum.
" 6 " " 4 1/2 " "
" 12 " " 5 % "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

J. MELVILLE MATSON,
Manager.
Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1556

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

I HAVE Admitted Mr. NOORMAH HOMED JAIRAZBHoy PEER-

BHOY, as a PARTNER in my Firms, carried on at BOMBAY, HONGKONG and SHANGHAI, in my own Name, from Kartal Sood 1st Sawant Year, 1910 (10th October, 1884), and the said Firms will henceforth be designated and carried on under the Style of JAIRAZBHoy PEERBHoy & CO.

JAIRAZBHoy PEERBHoy.
Bombay, November 10, 1884. 2059

NOTICE.

W. T. Reference to the above, Mr. JAIRAZBHoy PEERBHoy is authorised to Sign our Firms in China from this date.

JAIRAZBHoy PEERBHoy & CO.
Hongkong, December 6, 1884. 2060

Intimations.

A LADY living near Plymouth, England, wishes to TAKE CHARGE OF YOUNG CHILDREN to board and educate. Every care taken. For terms, apply to SYMS & SON, Furnivals Inn, London.

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NOTICE.

THE MITSU BISHI MAIL, N.S. Co., having taken over the NAGASAKI DOCK, SLIP, and ENGINEERING WORKS, are now prepared to Dock and Repair Vessels, at moderate terms.

The DOCK is one of the largest and best in the East, being 431 feet long and 89 feet broad, and having a depth of water on blocks at spring tides of 27 feet and neap tides 22 feet.

The SHOPS contain Machine-tools of all descriptions and compound Engines up to 1,000 horse-power. The heaviest class of work can be undertaken at the shortest notice.

Powerful lifting SHEARS are being erected.

For further Particulars, apply to
H. J. H. TRIPP,
Agent.
Hongkong, December 18, 1884. 2135

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

In accordance with Section 120 of the Articles of Association, the General Agents, with approval of the Consulting Committee, will, on 1st January, 1885, issue INTEREST WARRANTS of \$5 per Share, payable at the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, the same being at the rate of 10% per annum on the Paid-up Capital of the Office for the year 1884, and notice is hereby given that in order that the same may be adjusted, the Transfer Books of the Office will be CLOSED from the 1st to 31st Instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Agents,
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE.

Hongkong, December 18, 1884. 2102

ST. GEORGE'S BALL.

IT is requested that ALL BILLS in connection with the above Ball be sent to the HOW. TREASURER, as early as convenient, in order that the ACCOUNTS may be CLOSED as soon as possible.

H. M. THOMSETT,
Hon. Treasurer,
St. George's Ball.
Hongkong, December 20, 1884. 2146

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd Instant until the 8th Proximo, both days inclusive.

HENRY R. H. MARTIN,
Manager.
Hongkong, December 18, 1884. 2137

HAIR.

Posse's Hair—of the soap and hair strengthens hair that is naturally weak, nourishes and invigorates torpid hair-follicles, causing a new, vigorous, and luxuriant growth of hair on bald heads; and restores plaited hair to its original color, and turns grey hair black.

Posse's Hair Vigor is also a

Toilet Luxury.

Superior to all other preparations for the hair, it imparts pliant, elastic softness, lustre and luxuriance of growth, and not only cures Bald Head, Itching Hairs, Tetter Sores, Dandruff, etc., but avails itself in preventing the hair falling off and turning grey.

Posse's Hair Vigor is also a

Minerva-Brunnen.

A Database NATURAL MINERAL WATER in Case of 96 Pints @ \$7.00.
do. 48 Quarts @ \$6.00.
Apply to RUSSELL & CO.

Agents for HONGKONG, MANILA, & S. WATSON & CO.

Hongkong, April 20, 1884. 215

WITH Reference to the above, BUSINESS will be Commenced on the 1st MAY, 1884.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 20, 1884.

Prepared by Dr. J. C. Ayer & CO., Lowell, Mass.

Sold by all druggists.

Agents for HONGKONG, MANILA, & S. WATSON & CO.

Hongkong, April 20, 1884. 718

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE NOW OPENED THEIR

New Christmas Goods,

including:

HUNTLEY & PALMER'S CHRISTMAS PLUMCAKES AND FANCY CHRISTMAS BISCUITS, DESSERT BISCUITS, AND ASSORTED ICE WAFERS.

CROSSE & BLACKWELL'S CELEBRATED PLUM PUDDINGS AND MINCE MEAT.

PHILLIP & CANAUD'S PRESERVED DELICACIES

including:

Pate de Foie Gras Truffé, Assorted Game Pâtés, Cépes a la Huile, Foie Gras au Naturel, Galantine de Game, Sardines aux Tomates, Sardines a l'Huile, Truffé a la Serviette, Haricot Verts.

CROSSE & BLACKWELL'S PRESERVED DELICACIES

Bologna and Truffled Sausage, Oxford and Cambridge do., Milton Oysters and Caviare, Real Turtle Soup, Collared and Smoked Ox-Tongues, Vegetables of all kinds, Salad Cream and Dressing, Potted Meats and Pâtés, Horseradish and Herbs, Orange Vanilla and Lemon Creams.

Truffled Chicken in Jelly, Preserved Salmon and Lobster, Jam and Jellies, Dried Ham and Sprouts, Jellied and Stewed Ox-Tongues, Essence and Flavourings, Sage and Onion Stuffing, Pickles and Sauces, Gelatine and Icinglass &c., &c., &c.

Wiltshire, Irish, and Suffolk Bacon, Prime York Hams, Gorgonzola, Stilton, Cheddar, Gloucester, and American Cheese, Calcutta Curries, Chutneys and Preserves, American Canned Meat and Vegetables.

DESSERT FRUITS, &c.

Fresh Muscatel Raisins, Strawberries in Syrup, Assorted Fruits in Syrup, Preserved Tamarinds, French Plums, CUTTING'S AMERICAN DESSERT FRUITS, NEW SYRUPY FIGS AND ELVAS PLUMS, BEST FRENCH AND ENGLISH CONFECTIONERY, CHRISTMAS CASQUETTES IN VARIETY, MAGIC BOUQUETS AND BON-BON BOXES.

HOLLY & MISTLETOE WREATHS.

WINES, SPIRITS AND LIQUEURS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, December 15, 1884. 2107

W. POWELL & CO.

THIS WEEK ONLY.

GENTLEMEN'S BLACK AND DRAB FEATHER HATS, slightly damaged, 50 Cents and \$1.00 each—usual price, \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00 each. GENTLEMEN'S LAVERENDER AND PRIMROSE KID GLOVES, slightly damaged, 50 Cents per pair; 3 pairs for \$1.00—usual price, \$1.50 per pair. CHRISTMAS CARDS, 25 Cents per dozen,—usual price, 10 Cents each.

RECEIVED THIS DAY (by English Mail) LADIES' 2, 4, 6 & 8-BUTTON KID GLOVES,—BLACK, COLOURED AND WHITE, in splendid condition.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, December 22, 1884. 2151

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

SHAREHOLDERS in the COMPANIA NAVIERA DE FILIPINAS OF MANILA are requested to communicate with the Undersigned.

DUNN, MELBYE & CO.

Hongkong, December 13, 1884. 2100

MANILA CIGARS.

WE HAVE Received a Large Stock of our SPECIAL VIOUETTES, a smoke made to our order from the Finest Leaf Tobacco of the Philippines. In Boxes of 100 price \$3.50.

A. S. WATSON & CO.

Hongkong, December 5, 1884. 2045

NOTICE.

THE attention of Connoisseurs in MANILA CIGARS is invited to our Stock of SPECIAL VIOUETTES, a smoke made to our order from the Finest Leaf Tobacco of the Philippines. In Boxes of 100 price \$3.50.

A. S. WATSON & CO.

Hongkong, November 3, 1884. 2157

'SULPHOLINE LOTION.'

A External Means of CURING SKIN DISEASES.

There is scarcely any eruption but will yield to 'Sulpholine' in a few days, and commence to fade away, even if it seems past cure. Ordinary pimples, redness, blotches, surf, roughness, varnish, etc., whilst old, enduring skin disorders, that have plagued the sufferers for years, even if deeply rooted they may be, 'Sulpholine' will successfully attack them. It destroys the animalculæ which cause these unsightly, irritable, painful affections, and always produces a clear, healthy, natural condition of the skin. 'Sulpholine' Lotion sold by most Chemists. Bottles, 2s. 9d. Made only by J. PEPPER & CO., London.

LIVER COMPLAINTS.

D. R. LEWIS'S DANDELION & QUININE LIVER PILLS, for the Millions of the BEST REMEDY FOR DILIGENCE, STOMACH DERANGEMENT, FLATULENCE, PAINS BETWEEN THE SHOULDERS, BAD APPETITE, INDIGESTION, ACIDITY, HEADACHE, HEARTBURN, and all other symptoms of disordered liver and dyspepsia. Acknowledged by many eminent surgeons to be the safest and mildest pills for every constitution.

In boxes, at 1s. 1d., 2s. 9d., and 4s. 6d. Sold by Chemists throughout the world. Made only by J. PEPPER & CO., London.

TARAXACUM & PODOPHYLLIN.

THIS fluid combination, extracted from medicinal roots, is now used instead of blue pill and calomel for the cure of dyspepsia, biliousness, and all symptoms of congestion of the liver, which are generally pain beneath the shoulders, headache, drowsiness, loss of appetite, furred tongue, disagreeable taste in the mouth, flatulence, disturbance of the stomach, and feeling of general depression. It is the safest and easiest Remedy.

Taraxacum and Podophyllin is a fluid made only by J. PEPPER & CO., London Laboratory, London, whose name is on every label. Bottles, 2s. 9d. Sold by all Chemists.

LOCKEY'S SULPHUR HAIR RESTORER.

WILL darken grey hair, and in a few days completely bring back the natural colour.

The effect is superior to that produced by a direct dye, and does not injure the hair.

Large bottles, 1s. 6d. Lockey's is equal to the most expensive hair restorer.

LOCKEY'S SULPHUR HAIR RESTORER.

IS the best for restoring grey hair to its former colour. It produces a perfectly natural shade, and is quite harmless.

Valuable for destroying surf and encouraging growth of new hair. Sold everywhere.

G. R. LAMBERT, Sole Agent.

Hongkong, October 4, 1884. 1883

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & CO.'S CHAMPAGNE.

Quarts.....\$2.00 per Case 1 doz.

Pints.....\$1.21 per Case 12 "

Dubon Frères & de Germon & Cie.

For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
No. 53, Queen's Road East,
(OPPOSITE THE COMMISSIONER),
ARE NOW
LANDING FROM AMERICA.

FRESH ROLL BUTTER.
TOPCAN Do.
Eastern and California CHEESE.
CODFISH, Boned.
Prime HAMS and BACON.
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.
Family BEEF in 25 lb. bags.
Beau Ideal SALMON in 5 lb. cans.
Cutting's Dessert FRUITS in 5 lb. cans.
Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.
Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage MEAT.
Stuffed PEPPERS.
Assorted SOUPS.
Richardson & Robins' Celebrated Potted MEATS.

Lamb's TONGUES.
Clam CHOWDER.
Fresh OREGON SALMON.
Dried APPLES.
SUCOOTASH.
Maple SYRUP.
Golden SYRUP.
Cocked WHEAT.
HOMINY.
HONEY.
Queen OLIVES.

FAIRBANKS' SCALES.

DEVOE'S NONPAREIL KEROSINE OIL.

K A I S A R - I - H I N D ' CIGARETTES
in crystallized Boxes of 100 at \$6.50 per millie.

SPORTING AND RIFLE GUNPOWDER
in 1-lb. Tins.

AGATE IRON WARE.
INSERTION RUBBER.
TUCK'S PATENT PACKING.

HOLMES' DISTRESS SIGNALS.
HITCHCOOK HOUSE LAMPS.
PERFECTION STUDENT LAMPS.

PAINTS and OILS.
TALLOW and TAR.
PITCH and ROSIN.

Ex late Arrivals from
ENGLAND.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
S T O R E S ,
including:
CHRISTMAS CAKES.
PLUM PUDDING.
MINCE MEAT.
CRYSTALLIZED FRUITS.

PUDGING RAISINS.
CURRANTS.
FIGS.
CANDIED PEEL.

Fine YOK HAMS.
PIGIN TONGUES.
BREAKFAST TONGUES.
PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

ALMONDS and RAISINS.
FRENCH PLUMS.
TEYSNEAU'S DESSERT FRUITS.
JORDON ALMONDS.

COOKING STOVES.
PARLOUR STOVES.

CLARETS.—
CHATEAU MARGAUX.
CHATEAU LA TOUR, pints & quarts.
LÉON GRAVES.
BREAKFAST CLARET, " "

SHERRIES & PORT.—
SAUCONY MANZANILLA & AMON-
TILLADO.
SAUCONY OLD INVALID PORT
(1849).
HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—
1 and 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.
COUVREUR'S BRANDY.
FINEST OLD BOURBON WHISKY.
KINAHAN'S LIQUOR WHISKY.
ROYAL GLENLEE WHISKY.
BOED'S OLD TOM.
E. & J. BUREE'S IRISH WHISKY.
ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.
NORRIS PRAT & CO.'S VERMOUTH.
MELISSA WHISKY.

WESTERN CIDER.
CHARTREUSE.
MARASCHINO.
OURAOAO.
ANGOSTURA, BAKER'S and ORANGE
BITTERS.
&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and
SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.
GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &
J. BUREE, pints and quarts.
DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the
Gallon.
ALE and PORTER, in hogsheads.

SPECIALTY SELECTED

C I G A R S .

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in
5 catty Boxes.
BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

MILNE'S PATENT FIREPROOF
SAVES, CASH, and PAPER
BOXES, at Manufacturer's Prices.
Hongkong, December 16, 1884. 2127

Intimations.

NOTICE.
ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION
IN LIQUIDATION.

ALL HOLDERS of NOTES of the
ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION (HONGKONG BRANCH), are hereby
requested to present them to the Liquidators of the Bank, when they will be given
in Exchange, a certificate of the value of
the Notes deposited.

HOLDERS of NOTES will be required to
furnish to the Liquidators of the Bank,
a schedule in duplicate, giving the date of
Issue, Number and Amount of each Note
produced.

Forms of Schedule may be had on applica-
tion at the OFFICE of the ORIENTAL BANK
CORPORATION, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

For the
OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR
OF THE
ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION,
By his Attorneys,
J. MELVILLE MATSON,
H. HOWARD TAYLOR,
Hongkong, August 2, 1884. 1285

WILLIAM DOLAN,
SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER,
22, PRAYA CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS,
MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN
OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS,
CORK JACKETS,
&c., &c., &c.
Hongkong, May 1, 1882. 255

VICTORIA HOTEL,
Praya and Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong.

THIS extensive and well-appointed
establishment, situated in one of the
most central and airy positions in the
Colony, and commanding a splendid view
of the harbor and the city, and within
a few minutes' walk of the principal Govern-
ment Offices (including the Post
Office), Banks, &c., has recently been
much enlarged and improved and is now
one of the principal Hotels in the place.
The Rooms are spacious, well ventilated
and have just been refurbished in a
most comfortable and handsome manner,
suited to the requirements of the Far
East.

The accommodation and service of every
kind will be found to be of the best des-
cription.

An ample and varied TABLE D'HÔTE is
always provided and served in the spa-
cious dining Hall.

The Hotel also contains handsome and
comfortable reception, Reading, Billiard
and Smoking Rooms.

The Hotel is unsurpassed for comfort,
convenience and quick service.

Continental languages are spoken.

MESSRS. DORABEE and HING KEE,
PROPRIETORS.

Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1559

D. K. GRIFFITH & Co.
MANUFACTURERS OF THE LONDON
AERATED WATERS,
HAVE REMOVED from the BEACONFIELD
ARCADE to larger Premises,
1, DUDDLELL STREET,

Where they continue to Supply:

SODA WATER, LEMONADE,
TONIC " GINGER-
Seltzer " RASPBERRYADE,
SARSAPARILLA " &c., &c., &c.

At the same Moderate Charges.

D. K. GRIFFITH,
Proprietor.

Hongkong, July 28, 1884. 1246

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.

SATURDAY EVENING,
27th December, 1884.

'THE SNOWDROPS,'
(By Special Desire),
will give their

SECOND GRAND ETHIOPIAN
DRAWING-ROOM
ENTERTAINMENT.

COMMENCING at 9 P.M.

Tickets may be obtained and Seats secured
at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., on and
after Monday, 23rd Instant.

PRICES of ADMISSION :
Dress Circle and Stalls, \$2.
Back Seats, \$1.

Hongkong, December 17, 1884. 2122

THE GAIETY COMPANY.

Sole Proprietor, Geo. NORVILLE.

FROM THE THEATRE ROYAL, CALCUTTA;
and
THE GAIETY THEATRE, BOMBAY.

Patrons :

T. R. H. THE DUKE and DUCHESS,
of Connaught.

His Excellency THE MARQUEE of Ripon,
His Excellency Sir James FRASERSON,
&c., &c., &c.

WILL IF POSSIBLE GIVE
TWO PERFORMANCES,
on-route, for Shanghai.

THE FIRST PERFORMANCE,
will be
GILBERT'S CLASSICAL COMEDY,
entitled

PYGMALION & GALATEA.

AT THE
SECOND PERFORMANCE,
will be presented

A HUSBAND IN CLOVER,
And the

ORIENTAL BURLESQUE

BROWN & THE BRAHMINS.

Full Particulars will be duly announced
on the arrival of the Company.

The Plan of the Theatre may be seen and
Seats secured at MESSRS. KELLY & WATSON,
Hongkong, December 11, 1884. 2076

Not Responsible for Debts.

Whether the Captain, the Agents, no
Owners will be Responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

ALDEN BESSE, American barque, Capt.
John A. O'Brien—McLchers & Co.

CAROLINE, Norwegian barque, Captain
Brun—Wieder & Co.

DANUBE, British steamer, Captain J.
Newton—Yen Fat Hong.

FERNER ARHEY, American barque, Capt.
J. T. MACEY—Adamson, Bell & Co.

INO, German barque, Captain G. Höckel-
mann—Wieder & Co.

MINER MICHAEL, British barque, Capt.
T. G. TAYLOR—Master.

MOUNT Lebanon, British steamer, Capt.
D. MAXWELL—Borneo Company, Limited.

NANAIMO, British barque, Captain John
Dodd—Arbella, Karberg & Co.

NICOLAS TRAYER, Amer. barque, Capt.
Robert S. Cady—Master.

SAMAR, American ship, Capt. Oliver O.
Jones—Adamson, Bell & Co.

SARAH HIGHLIGHT, American ship, Capt. J.
Bass—Arbella, Karberg & Co.

SOOROO, British barque, Capt. J. BACKIE
—Borneo Company, Ltd.

ZELOCY, British barque, Captain R.
Martin—Pusta & Co.

Hongkong, October 3, 1883.

Intimations.

FREDERIC ALGAR,
COLONIAL NEWSPAPER & COMMIS-
SION AGENT,

1, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street,
LONDON.

THE COLONIAL PRESS supplied with News-
papers, Books, Types, Ink, Presses,
Papers, Correspondents, Letters, and any
European Goods on London terms.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

Colonial Newspapers received at the office
are regularly filed for the inspection of
Advertisers and the public.

THE REPORT OF THE TRIAL OF
LOGAN AT CANTON that appeared in the
China Mail has been printed in FAM-
PHLET FORM, and is now on Sale—
Price, 30 Cents.

Hongkong, July 28, 1884. 1246

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.

Vessels.

Captain.

Agents.

Date of Leaving.

Hongkong, &c., via Suez Canal... Electra (a)

Hongkong, &c., via Suez Canal... Casandra (a)

Hongkong, &c., via Suez Canal... Ceylon

Hongkong, &c., via Suez Canal... Benteli (a)

Hongkong, &c., via Suez Canal... A. W. S. THOMSON

Hongkong, &c., via Suez Canal... Neilon

Hongkong, &c., via Suez Canal... Donaldson

Hongkong, &c., via Suez Canal... Lancaster

Hongkong, &c., via Suez Canal... Penobrato

Hongkong, &c., via Suez Canal... Talyay

Hongkong, &c., via Suez Canal... Elgrett

Hongkong, &c., via Suez Canal... S. Ashton

Hongkong, &c., via Suez Canal... Pacific Mail S. Co.

Hongkong, &c., via Suez Canal... Douglas Lazell & Co.

Hongkong, &c., via Suez Canal... Yuen Fat Hong

Hongkong, &c., via Suez Canal... Melcher & Co.

Hongkong, &c., via Suez Canal... Dodd

Hongkong, &c., via Suez Canal... Russell & Co.

Hongkong, &c., via Suez Canal... Gibb, Livingston & Co.

Hongkong, &c., via Suez Canal... Russell & Co

A MEETING of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon, when all the members were present except His honour the Chief Justice. A report on the financial position of the Colony was laid on the table, and read, and then the Attorney General said he had not been able to arrange for a meeting of the Law Committee and the bills set down to go through committee were not in a fit state for the council to proceed with. He believed there was also a good deal of business to be got through by the Finance Committee, and he therefore requested for an adjournment. The council was then adjourned until this day week.

The report of the annexation of New Britain and New Ireland by Germany having been officially confirmed, there can be no doubt now that the anticipated scramble for the islands of the South Pacific has fairly commenced. England began the scramble under pressure from the Australian colonies, by proclaiming a protectorate over a considerable portion of New Guinea. Scarcely had the particulars of that act come to hand before news is received that Germany has laid hands on the two largest islands in the South Pacific not already under foreign protection. Most likely we shall hear of more annexations in the same part of the world shortly. There are numerous islands in the South Pacific still free from the 'protection' of European Powers. Among them are the Solomon Islands, which are near the territories just annexed by Germany, and the New Hebrides, which are in the neighbourhood of New Caledonia, the French possession. According to telegrams in the Australian papers, Lord Derby announced last month that England had no intention of taking possession of either of these groups of islands. Perhaps the step now taken by Germany may change this intention. It is certain that these annexations will create intense excitement in Australasia. Some weeks ago we published telegrams and paragraphs from the Australian papers showing that the people and the Governments of the Colonies were most excited by reports that England and Germany were negotiating in regard to mutual annexations in the South Pacific. Both the islands just annexed by Germany are within a short distance of the equator, and as they are to the East of New Guinea their annexation by Germany is not likely to interfere at all with the welfare or security of the Australian colonies unless they are turned into great depots for convicts, or are made the site of a powerful naval stronghold. The London correspondent of one of the Australian papers, writing in October last says:

It was suggested that the reason that the Government excluded the northern portion of New Guinea from the protectorate, was the desire to avoid offending the susceptibilities of Germany and France, who have acquired within the last two years certain commercial interests in the neighbouring groups of New Britain and New Ireland. In colonial official circles an uneasy impression prevails, which is considerable evidence to support, that Mr Gladstone's Government are negotiating a settlement of the Pacific on even wider lines than are indicated. Mr. M. A. German Gazette, France, and Germany to participate in any scramble for the Pacific Islands, but it is believed they are not averse to an amicable arrangement for an equitable division of the chief points of vantage. The Daily News emphasises the fact that the protectorate ensures the complete command of Torres Straits, affording the colonies an absolute guarantee against possible settlement by foreign communities opposite their shores.

SERVICES OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FOR TOMORROW.—CHRISTMAS DAY.
Cathedral, 8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
8 a.m.—Parade Service, Morning Prayer, Sermon, and Holy Communion. Rev. J. B. O. Prud'homme, the Bishop.
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Sermon, and Holy Communion, The Colonial Chaplain.
St. Peter's Church, 5 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon, The Bishop.
St. Stephen's Church (all Services in Chinese).
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer, &c., Revs. J. B. Ost and Fong Yat-Sau.

At a meeting of St. John's Lodge, No. 618, S.C., the ceremony of installing the R.W.M. elect by the Very Worshipful Deputy District Grand Master W. S. Adams and Officer of District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China E. C. took place. The following officers were appointed.
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This project of establishing a telephone line across the Atlantic Ocean in assuming shape, and experiments to determine its practicability are to be made. The first experiment in submarine telephony was made between Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Gloucester, Massachusetts, a distance of 850 miles. If these prove successful attempts will be made to telephone across the Atlantic Ocean. Expert electricians say that with the same force sound may be transmitted twice as far on wires under water as on wires through the air.

We learn from native sources, says the Mercury, that the Viceroy of Li-Kwang and the Viceroy of Yunnan and Kweichow have been ordered to co-operate in Tonking. The Viceroy of Yunnan is but a short distance from Bachin, and his army is but waiting for the arrival of the former's division, when they will take the aggressive. The Hippo of Canton has declared he is able to furnish the funds necessary for the Tonking campaign, should no other means to defray the expenses be offered.

We notice that Messrs. Siemens & Co. are despatching the *Electra* to Ningpo for cargo for Europe.—N. & D. News.

The French chartered transport *Comoros* arrived at Singapore from Toulon on the 6th Dec. She had on board 10 officers and 100 non-commissioned officers and corporals to complete the cadre of the native regiments in Tonquin.

H. E. PAUL von Möllendorff, we learn by private letter, was escorted out of Shih by seven foreigners well armed, belonging to the Customs staff, on the day following the disturbances at the capital. He is now at Chemulpo, and has changed his Korean attire, in which he invariably used to dress for European. He took with him two boxes of souvenirs from Soul to Chemulpo.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

THERE ARE vast Armed forces in India that are not under British control. Letters to the London Times show that a population of 45,000,000 Hindoo and Mohammedans, under princes of their own, maintain an army numbering 349,835 with an artillery of 4537 guns. In all the Native States a warlike spirit prevails, and the weapons are, as a rule, excellent. The 100,000 soldiers of the Maharajah of Nepal would ask nothing better than to be led to battle, whoever the adversary. Before the consolidation of the British dominion the troops were redoubtable antagonists to the best European skill and discipline. These soldiers are simply the toys of the princes. They have no duties to perform, for British rule preserves peace from the Himalayas to the ocean.

We extract the following paragraphs from the latest Penang papers—

In one of our former issues we referred to the Thaiping Mining and Smelting Company, and noted that Mr. Groves, Sr., had proceeded to Australia to procure machinery for the same. We are now in a position to state that Mr. Groves is on his way back, and may be expected here in a few days. He is bringing with him a large quantity of machinery which is capable of working about five tons of ore per day, and will be sufficient to meet the requirements of the field for years to come. To obtain a sufficient quantity of water is the principal work on hand now, to be able to work by hydraulic power. The gravity of tin being greater than any other metal obtained on the matrix or surface, is easily washed by having a good head of water continually running until such time as the tin has settled in a layer beneath the debris, from which it will again be washed in a sluice box.

At the last meeting of the Licensing Justices, a discussion took place as to the position occupied under the Licensing law by the Chinese Club and other similar institutions in Penang; and several members expressed very strong opinions as to the evil done, in an emphatic degree, by the drinking and other excesses carried on at the so-called Chinese Club. The Justices had under consideration the point whether this and similar places could not be brought within the law. The matter was eventually held over till another meeting at which it was understood some specific mode of providing for the discontinuance of the present inadvisable state of affairs would be brought forward.

WRY REGARD to the Chinese coolie passengers, both from Hongkong and Singapore to West Australia, which is unrestricted, an important order has been issued by the West Australian Government, which is thus given by the *Frontiers Herald* of the 5th November.—A very necessary and in all respects highly important order, respecting the importation into this colony of Chinese coolies, has just been promulgated by our Government. For the information of the many or few in this country, who are obliged, periodically, to indent upon the Chinese ports for the copper colored laborer or artisan, we extract the order in extenso.—It having been reported to the Government that coolies recently imported from Singapore have in several instances proved to be crippled or in unsound health, His Excellency the Governor desired to draw the attention of importers of Chinese labor into this Colony to the necessity of instructing the agent they may employ in Singapore, or elsewhere, to exercise the utmost care in procuring proper medical certificates, after careful examination of the persons engaged, to ascertain health, both mentally and physically. To prevent coolies from interchanging or selling these medical certificates, the agent should take special care to satisfy himself that the men who actually embark for Western Australia are the bona fide recipient of the Certificate, and the person originally engaged.

2. The Expenditure for 1885 was originally prepared, was set down at \$1,150,801. It is therefore now necessary to reduce this amount to about \$1,085,000 in order to leave a margin of at least \$50,000 of Revenue, for unforeseen expenditure during the year.

3. Having carefully gone over the Estimates of Expenditure with the Treasurer and the Surveyor General, I submit for His Excellency's consideration the following recommendations.

That the estimates of Expenditure laid before Council in June last must be in the first place increased by the following items, some of which have been already sanctioned by the Council, whilst the rest appear to be necessary—

(a) Increase to Police Salaries already voted, \$ 5,500

(b) Other increases shown in Schedule annexed, 780

(c) Civil Police Extension, voted, 3,300

(d) Further vote recommended for additional stores and extension of separate buildings, on account of necessity for increased accommodation in the Hospital, 8,000

(e) Repair to public buildings, increase strongly recommended, 2,000

(f) Police Station Hungtong, new, 3,200

Total increase, \$ 22,780

Original estimate, 1,150,801

8 1,173,581

The Governor proposes the following alterations to be made in the Estimates of Expenditure for 1885 in order to bring this sum down to about \$1,085,000—

(a) Opium Revenue Department to be abolished from 23rd February next year: 10 months salaries to be struck out, 6,000

(b) Tree planting, to be reduced by, 4,000

(c) New Central School (to be paid out of balances), to be struck out, 50,000

(d) Draining of Wongnienchong, reduced to, 20,000

(e) Widening Kennedy Road, to be struck out, 2,000

87,900

The result of making these alterations will be the reduction of the estimates of expenditure to \$1,085,081

which will leave a margin of 42,819

Estimated Revenue, 1,185,000

" I see no other reduction that can be conveniently effected now, but both the Treasury and the Surveyor General agree with me in thinking it only fair that the Imperial Government should be asked to bear half the annual cost of the Observatory, say \$3,000 per annum. This institution is quite as useful to Imperial as to Local interests, and its construction has already cost the Colony \$64,509. It would be only reasonable we think that the cost of making observations should be borne partly by the Imperial Government and partly by the Colony.

THERE IS not a single cat within the limits of the town of Leadville, Colorado. Cats have been imported there by the hundreds, and in all varieties of colour and size, but not one has ever survived the second week of residence. However, as there are no rats and mice in Leadville, it makes little difference which they live or die. The thin atmosphere at that altitude (10,200 feet) is fatal to the vermin set to their foie, and the inhabitants are thus mercifully spared the inflictions of both.—*Chicago Inter-Ocean*.

POLICE INTELLIGENCE.
(Before A. G. Wise, Esq.)
Wednesday, Dec. 24.

KIDNAPPING.

Fong Asang, hawkaw, U Kun Sin, joss maker, and Lam Asang, unemployed, were charged with unlawfully detaining a boy named Lo Yung Shing, six years of age, named Lo Yung Shing, six years of age, on the 19th instant.

Inspector Swanston gave evidence to the effect that on the 8th instant a report was made to the police that a boy of six years of age, named Lo Yung Shing, was missing. On the 10th instant the boy was found at West Point in the house of the defendant.

Yan Fung, wife of Lan Shui, stated that she lives in Tai Lung Lane, Wan-chai. On the 3rd instant she went to Canow and left her little boy Lo Yung Shing in the house with her husband. On returning here on the 10th instant she found the child was missing.

First defendant stated that on the 8th instant, when his wife left for the country, the child went to play in the morning and did not return. He reported its loss and offered a reward for its recovery. On the 12th the second defendant came and said that he would find the child if witness gave him three dollars. He gave second defendant \$3 and went with him to a house in Si Woo Lane, where he saw his child. The first defendant was there also.

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